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SUBJ: TENNECO SIX

REF: KHARTOUM 1338

1. PRIOR LEARNING OF OUR MESSAGE (PARA TWO KHARTOUM 1341)
ACTING CHIEF OF PUBLIC SAFETY CONVEYED NEW MESSAGE FROM ZEIN
1300 HOURS JUNE 10 IN ANSWER TO EMBOFF QUESTIONS JUNE 9 (REFTEL).

2. TWO HOSTAGES, MRS. DORTZBACH AND WEDERFORT, WILL
DEFINITELY BE RELEASED EITHER NIGHT JUNE 10 OR JUNE 11.
ZEIN DID NOT SPECIFY AREA OF RELEASE (NOTE PARA ONE ASMARA 455).

3. ZEIN CONVEYED WORD THAT ELF VERY UPSET AT TENNECO
PRESS RELEASE WHICH THEY REGARD AS UNJUSTIFYABLY CRITICAL
OF ELF HIGH COMMAND. ZEIN STATED RELEASE THIS STATEMENT WAS
ERROR AND ONLY SERVED TO GIVE AMMUNITION TO THOSE ELF LEADERS
WHO WERE OPPOSED TO RELEASING PRISONERS.

4. ZEIN ALSO CONVEYED WORD THAT ELF RESENTED STATEMENT
THAT ELF BROKE OFF CONTACT. ZEIN STATED THAT HE WENT BACK IN
GOOD FAITH TO RETURN WITH RESULTS SERIOUS
DELIBERATION ELF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. THIS TOOK LONGER
THAN HE ANTICIPATED. ZEIN SUGGESTED TENNECO MAKE
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NEW PRESS STATEMENT RETRACTING FACT THAT NEGOTIATIONS BROKEN OFF.

5. ZEIN ALSO CONVEYED MESSAGE THAT, AFTER RELEASE OF TWO CAPTIVES, ELF WILLING CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS OTHER POINTS WHILE AWAITING RELEASE OF 5 ELF PRISONERS. HE SPECIFIED HOWEVER, THAT NO ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN FINALIZE NEW NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL 5 ELF PRISONERS WERE RELEASED.

6. ACTING CHIEF OF PUBLIC SAFETY KHALIFA TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE HIMSELF HAD SUGGESTED TO ZEIN THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO CONTINUE DIALOGUE.

7. EMBOFF THEN DELIVERED MESSAGE PARA TWO KHARTOUM 1341. KHALIFA UNDERTOOK PASS TO ZEIN.

8. COMMENT: DESPITE ASSERTED ELF ANGER, TENNECO PRESS RELEASE MAY HAVE HAD GOOD EFFECT. ONCE TWO HOSTAGES HAVE BEEN RELEASED, HOWEVER, WE RECOMMEND TENNECO CONSIDER NEW PRESS RELEASE DESIGNED TO MOLLIFY ELF ON FACT NEGOTS CONTINUING. ALSO SUGGEST APPROPRIATE TENNECO REP RETURN KHARTOUM PURSUE NEGOTS AFTER RELEASE OF TWO CAPTIVES.

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